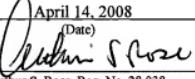


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 12, 2007, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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